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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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SUBJECT: REPORTED DETENTION OF ISRAELI CITIZENS IN
ARGENTINA.

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY A RELIABLE SOURCE ON HUMAN
RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA THAT A SPANISH LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPER IN JERUSALEM (LA SEMANA) REPORTED AROUND
JANUARY 18-23 THAT A GROUP OF ISRAELI TOURISTS HAD BEEN
DETAINED IN MENDOZA BY GOA IN MID-DECEMBER. ACCORDING TO
SKETCHY ACCOUNT OF OUR SOURCE, THE TOURISTS WERE
INTERROGATED, SOME WERE ABUSED, AND SOME WERE SEPARATED
FROM THE GROUP AND HAVE NOT REAPPEARED. SOURCE SPECULATED
THAT INCIDENT, IF IT IS TRUE, MAY REFLECT ANTI-SEMITISM
AMONG ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES OR MAY REFLECT ARGENTINE
CONCERN OVER CHILEAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS AND DESIRE TO

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INTERROGATE ALL POTENTIAL INFORMANTS.

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2. FOR AMCONGEN JERUSALEM: REQUEST YOU VERIFY IF REPORT OF THIS NATURE APPEARED IN LA SEMANA.

3. FOR AMEMBASSIES BUENOS AIRES AND SANTIAGO: REQUEST YOU PROVIDE US WITH ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THIS ALLEGED INCIDENT. VANCE

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